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Days after galvanizing 4 million people around the globe to march for action against climate change, 16-year-old Swedish campaigner Greta Thunberg denounced a roomful of world leaders at the United Nations Monday for not acting sooner. 2

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Teen Thunberg to UN climate summit: *'You have stolen my dreams'*

Climate activist blamed the adults in the room for burdening her generation.

Video segments play during the opening ceremony of the 2019 United Nations Climate Action Summit.

Swedish climate activist Greta Thunberg. REUTERS

Teenage climate change activist Greta Thunberg on Monday opened the United Nations Climate Action Summit with an angry condemnation of world leaders for failing to take strong measures to combat climate change. "How dare you," she said.

Days after millions of young people took to the streets worldwide to demand emergency action on climate change, leaders gathered for the annual United Nations General Assembly aiming to inject fresh momentum into stalling efforts to curb carbon emissions.

A visibly emotional Thunberg, 16, said in stern remarks at the opening of the summit that the generations that have polluted the most have burdened her and her generation with the extreme impacts of climate change.

"This is all wrong. I shouldn't be up here. I should be back in school on the other side of the ocean yet you all come to us young people for hope. How dare you," said the Swedish teenager, her voice quivering.

"You have stolen my dreams and my childhood with your empty words," Thunberg said, adding that the plans that leaders will unveil will not be enough to respond to the rate of the planet's warming.

Thunberg has galvanized a new wave of climate change activism through her weekly Fridays for Future school strikes, which she began with her solitary protests outside of the Swedish parliament.

U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres had warned governments ahead of the event that they would have to offer action plans to qualify to speak at the summit, which is aimed at boosting the 2015 Paris Agreement to combat global warming.

In his opening remarks, he tried to capture the urgency of climate change and called out the fossil fuel industry.

"Nature is angry. And we fool ourselves if we think we can fool nature, because nature ... is striking back with fury," Guterres said.

"There is a cost to everything. But the biggest cost is doing nothing. The biggest cost is subsidising a dying fossil fuel industry, building more and more coal plants, and denying what is plain as day: that we are in a deep climate hole, and to get out we must first stop digging," he said.

TRUMP APPEARS

U.S. President Donald Trump, a climate change denier who has undone every major U.S. regulation aimed at combating climate change, made a brief appearance in the audience of the summit along with Vice President Mike Pence and Secretary of State Mike Pompeo. He did not give remarks but listened to remarks by German Chancellor Angela Merkel and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, who serves as the U.N. special envoy on climate action, called out Trump's stealth appearance before he spoke on Monday: "Hopefully our deliberations will be helpful to you as you formulate climate policy," he said to audience laughter.

Merkel announced Germany would double its contribution to a U.N. fund to support less developed countries to combat climate change to 4 billion euros from 2 billion euros.

In a measure of the gap between government action and the ever-louder alarms sounded by climate scientists, the U.N. Development Programme said that 14 nations representing a quarter of global emissions have signaled that they do not intend to revise current climate plans by 2020. REUTERS

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Greta Thunberg

French President Emmanuel Macron.

Emmys: US TV audience at lowest-ever level: Nielsen

2 The U.S. television audience for the Emmy Awards show, celebrating the best of television, slumped to 6.9 million viewers, its lowest-ever level, according to Nielsen ratings data on Monday. The audience dropped by more than 32 percent from last year's ceremony, which at the time was a record low of 10.2 million U.S. viewers. The Emmy Awards, broadcast live on Fox on Sunday, awarded its highest honors to medieval fantasy drama and fan favorite "Game of Thrones" and quirky British comedy "Fleabag." The three-hour ceremony in L.A. was broadcast without a host against stiff competition from "Sunday Night Football" on NBC. Major award shows have been losing ground with the public in recent years, although the Oscars in February, which featured performances by Queen and Lady Gaga, bucked the trend by rising some 10 percent to 29.6 million U.S. viewers. REUTERS

Oprah relaunches book club on streaming Apple TV

3 Oprah Winfrey on Monday announced the first pick of her revamped popular book club with Apple's new television streaming service but made clear she had no plans to return to hosting a regular TV talk show. Winfrey, one of the most influential women in U.S. television, chose "The Water Dancer" by critically acclaimed author Ta-Nehisi Coates, his debut novel about slavery. "It is one of the best books I have ever read in my entire life," Winfrey said on CBS "This Morning." The inaugural "Oprah's Book Club" will premiere on Apple TV+ on Nov. 1. Winfrey said the new book club venture would feature interviews with authors from Apple stores in world cities. Winfrey, however, ruled out any return to the kind of daily show that she ended in 2011 after 25 years. "I'm kinda done with the talk show," she told DeGeneres. REUTERS

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Trump says he's not taking talk of impeachment over Ukraine call seriously

Democrats outraged president may have sought election help from outside U.S.

U.S. President Donald Trump on Monday shrugged off talk about impeachment over reports that he had asked his Ukrainian counterpart to launch an investigation that could damage Democratic political rival Joe Biden.

Asked how seriously he was taking the threat of impeachment by Congress, Trump said, "Not at all seriously."

On Sunday, Trump acknowledged that he discussed Democratic presidential hopeful Biden and his son in a July 25 call with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky.

The Wall Street Journal and the New York Times on Friday said Trump repeatedly asked the Ukrainian leader in the call to investigate the involvement of Biden's son, Hunter, with a Ukrainian energy company. He also asked Zelensky to work with his personal lawyer, Rudy Giuliani, who had been urging Ukrainian officials to investigate Joe Biden and his family.

As he arrived at the United Nations for the General Assembly on Monday, Trump told reporters: "We had a perfect phone call with the president of Ukraine. Everybody knows it. It's just a Democrat witch hunt."

Trump did not provide evidence the allegations were politically motivated. Media reports about the phone call stemmed from a classified whistleblower report from the U.S. intelligence community.

The call has sparked a political battle between Democrats warning of a national security threat and Republicans turning it into an attack on former vice president Biden, a front-runner in the field of Democrats seeking to challenge Trump in the 2020 presidential election.

Democrats are outraged that Trump may have sought help in the election from a foreign country, especially after Special Counsel Robert Mueller concluded Russia waged a widespread influence and propaganda campaign to help Trump win in 2016.

IMPEACHMENT OR NOT?

"He thinks he can get away with it. The president thinks he can act with impunity," Democratic Sen. Chris Murphy said at a news conference in Hartford, Connecticut.

> **"The president thinks he can act with impunity."**
>
> Sen. Chris Murphy

The Democratic leader of a key congressional panel said on Sunday the pursuit of Trump's impeachment may be the "only remedy" to the situation.

However, it is far from clear whether there is enough support for Democrats in the House of Representative to launch impeachment proceedings. Any such effort would face a hurdle getting through the Republican-led Senate.

The media reports about the phone call also said Trump repeatedly asked Zelensky to investigate whether Biden misused his position as vice president under former President Barack Obama to threaten to withhold U.S. aid unless a prosecutor who was looking into the gas company in which Biden's son was involved was fired. REUTERS

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Philly voters can now apply online for an absentee ballot

New voting program allows Pa. residents to apply for absentee ballots online.

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Over 4,300 voters have already used Pennsylvania's latest voting tool, applying online for an absentee ballot.

The online absentee ballot applications can be found on pavoterservices.pa.gov/OnlineAbsenteeApplication.

This is not the first successful online program that Gov. Wolf has launched. In August 2015, he launched online voter registration, which has been used by over 1.4 million applicants.

Up until last week, Pennsylvania voters could only apply via paper for an absentee ballot and would have to wait until it was received in the mail to use it.

In a press release, Gov. Wolf said, "The success of letting people apply online for an absentee ballot proves that Pennsylvanians want voting to be more accessible."

Gov. Wolf added, "This was an important next step to modernize our elections, and I hope it encourages more voters to participate in our democracy."

The deadline for the absentee ballot applications is Tuesday, Oct. 29, at 5 p.m. — exactly a week before the election. The deadline for county election offices to receive ballots is three days later, Nov. 1, at 5 p.m.

It was reported that online applications are directed to the appropriate body of government for processing. However, absentee voters still have to mail or deliver their voted ballot to their county election office.

Acting Secretary of State Kathy Boockvar said in a statement, "The department is committed to finding ways we can make the voting process more convenient and accessible for all eligible voters."

Absentee ballots can be cast by voters with illness or disabilities; voters who will be out of their municipalities on business during Election Day; or by students attending out-of-state universities or colleges.

> **"This was an important next step to modernize our elections, and I hope it encourages more voters to participate in our democracy."**
> Gov. Tom Wolf

The online application is available to all domestic votes, however starting in 2020, it will be available to overseas and military voters. All online applications require a PennDOT ID or driver's license. In 2020, the Department of State is planning on updating it, so applicants without a PennDOT ID can use the system.

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DA Krasner sued by another fired prosecutor

Philadelphia District Attorney Larry Krasner. CHARLES MOSTOLLER

Michelle Seidner, a former assistant district attorney with the District Attorney's Office's Economic and Cyber Crime Unit, has filed a lawsuit against Philadelphia DA Larry Krasner.

The Inquirer reported that Seidner said despite having excellent performance, she was fired in January 2018 without any explanation, allegedly because of her age. At the time, she was 60 years old. She is seeking damages for "lost earnings; punitive damages; and any other relief that the court may deem appropriate." Seidner said she received a letter on Jan. 5, 2018, saying that if she did not retire or resign within three days, she would be terminated on Jan. 12. It was reported that Seidner was fired on Jan. 12.

Seidner claims that the office kept on two other assistants who were less experienced than she was and younger.

Seidner is the fourth person to come forward with a situation like this. On Sept. 5, former homicide prosecutors Carlos Vega and Joseph Whitehead Jr. filed a similar suit stating both were fired in January 2018 because of their age. Vega was 61 at the time of the firing and Whitehead was 64.

Additionally, Tami Levin, a former director for the DA's Office's Victim Witness Services Unit, filed a suit on July 19. She alleged that she was fired at age 51 because of her age and her race (Levin is white.) Movita Johnson-Harrell, a black woman, replaced Levin and at the time she was also 51. Johnson-Harrell has since left the role and is a state representative.

"[The city and Krasner] strictly deny that employees or representatives engaged in any discriminatory, retaliatory, or otherwise inappropriate actions."

City Law Department, in a court filing

During Levin's lawsuit, the Law Department agreed that she was not given a reason for termination. However, the city and Krasner "strictly deny that employees or representatives engaged in any discriminatory, retaliatory, or otherwise inappropriate actions," according to the Inquirer.

The same firm that represented Levin is representing Seidner. The firm is Console Mattiacci Law, which is based in Center City.

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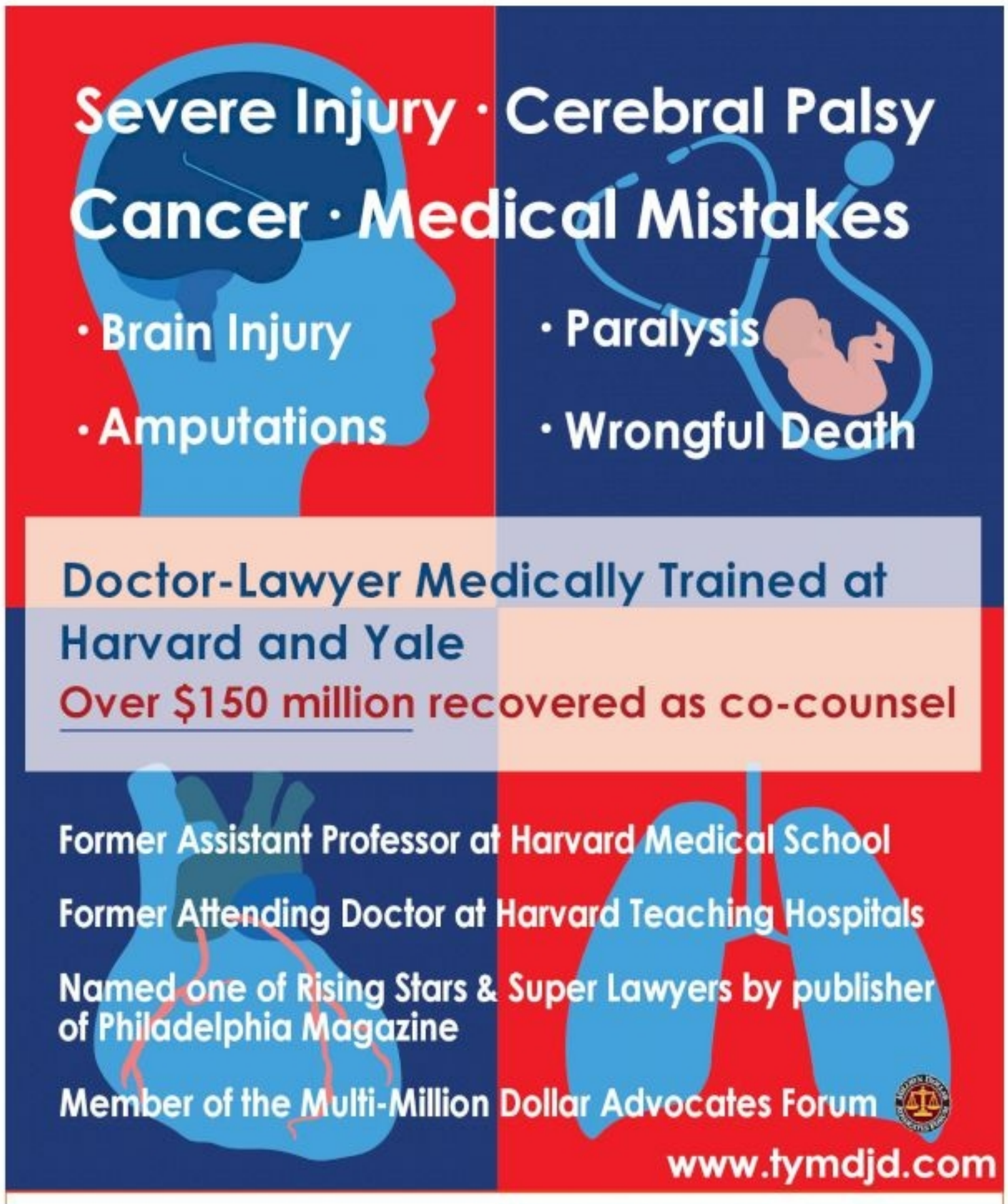
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A burnt plot in Jamanxim National Forest in the Amazon, Brazil, Sept. 11, 2019. REUTERS

Without Brazil, donors unlock $500 million to preserve rainforests

Brazil's Bolsonaro, climate change skeptic, notably absent from decision.

International donors agreed on Monday to free up more than $500 million in aid to protect tropical rainforests, including the Amazon where wildfires are raging, France's president said on Monday at a U.N. meeting shunned by Brazil.

The Brazilian Amazon is facing its worst spate of forest fires since 2010, prompting a global outcry and worries that destruction of parts of the world's largest rainforest could hurt demand for Brazil's exports.

Leaders of the Group of Seven wealthy nations in August offered $20 million of emergency aid to help fight Amazon fires, a gesture Brazil at the time criticized as colonialist.

French President Emmanuel Macron had called for a wider alliance to protect rainforests worldwide using the United Nations General Assembly as a platform to garner support.

France, Chile and Colombia met on the sidelines of the annual gathering of world leaders on Monday, despite the absence of Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro, a climate change skeptic who is promoting development in the Amazon region.

"Everybody thinks 'How are you going to do without Brazil?'" Macron said during a speech. "Brazil is welcome and I think everyone wants to work with Brazil. ... It will come, it takes a very inclusive approach."

Macron hit back at Bolsonaro's accusations that Paris had no role to play, saying that French Guiana, a French overseas territory in South America, shared a more than 700-kilometer border with Brazil, making it a player in protecting rainforests.

"For every dollar spent restoring degraded forests, as much as $30 can be recouped in economic benefits and poverty reduction," Gutteres said.

Many of the fires sweeping through the Amazon are thought to have been started deliberately in Brazil, with environmentalists blaming speculators who burn vegetation to clear it in hopes of selling the land to farmers and ranchers.

The Amazon is often described as "the lungs of the world" because of its vast ability to absorb carbon dioxide.

> **"As we destroy the world's forests, we drive ever more species to extinction. We erode nature's ability to cope with climate change and we undermine the livelihoods of millions of people."**
>
> Boris Johnson, British prime minister

France would contribute $100 million out of $500 million in the package, Macron said. Germany, Britain and the European Union were also among the contributors to investments in biodiversity preservation and lasting development.

"Halting deforestation and restoring degraded forests are global imperatives," said U.N. Secretary General Antonio Gutteres, who also spoke on Monday at the U.N. Climate Action Summit.

"As we destroy the world's forests, we drive ever more species to extinction, we erode nature's ability to cope with climate change and we undermine the livelihoods of millions of people," British Prime Minister Boris Johnson said.

"The U.K. recognizes that we are at a tipping point and that action now is both urgent and essential." REUTERS

Hundreds of thousands stranded after travel firm Thomas Cook collapses

The collapse has sparked the largest peacetime repatriation effort in British history.
REUTERS

Hundreds of thousands of holidaymakers were stranded on Monday by the collapse of the world's oldest travel firm Thomas Cook, sparking the largest peacetime repatriation effort in British history.

The liquidation marks the end of a British company that started in 1841 running local rail excursions and grew to pioneer the family package holiday.

Running hotels, resorts and airlines for 19 million people a year, it has around 600,000 people abroad and will need the help of governments and insurance firms to bring them home from places as far afield as Cancun, Cuba and Cyprus.

$2.1B

Thomas Cook struggled to adapt due in part to a $2.1 billion debt pile built up over a series of ill-fated deals.

Thomas Cook's demise, announced in the early hours of Monday after it failed to secure a deal with creditors or a government bailout, sparked alarm at hotels where some customers have been asked to pay their bills anew by out-of-pocket resort owners.

"I'm not going to pay for my holiday again," Englishman David Midson told Reuters, trying to find information at the front desk of a hotel in Roda, Corfu. "I wish I had brought a driving license, because I can't get a taxi (to the airport)."

As well as its 21,000 employees, the company's fall hit global booking websites, credit card companies, travel firms using its airlines and British high streets where its travel agents were forced to shut. Major holiday destinations including Turkey and Greece also warned their hoteliers would suffer.

Tour operators selling customers transport, accommodation and excursions in a single package have been struggling for years due to the rise of budget airlines and cheap online competition from the likes of Airbnb.

Some have carved out a niche in specialist trips such as safaris. But Thomas Cook struggled to adapt due in part to a $2.1 billion debt pile built up over a series of ill-fated deals. It had to sell 3 million holidays a year just to cover interest payments.

The company had agreed a 900 million pound rescue package with its banks and largest shareholder, China's Fosun, but lenders asked for an additional 200 million pounds to keep it operating through the winter.

In desperate meetings over the weekend, it failed to secure more funds, with the British government also refusing a bailout, judging it was not a good long-term bet.

Second-largest shareholder Neset Kockar, a Turkish businessman, said the company would now be sold as a whole or in parts.

EMERGENCY FLIGHTS

Prime Minister Boris Johnson pledged to get stranded British travelers home, another headache for his government as it tries to negotiate a complicated withdrawal from the E.U.

"It is a very difficult situation and obviously our thoughts are very much with the customers of Thomas Cook," Johnson told reporters on a plane as he headed to the U.N. General Assembly in New York. "We will do our level best to get them home."

The UK's Civil Aviation Authority said it had a fleet of planes ready to bring home the more than 150,000 British customers over the next two weeks.
REUTERS

LIFESTYLE

Sterling K. Brown on 'This Is Us,' his busy year, and making people cry in the street

The actor tells us about all of his projects ahead of tonight's premiere of "This Is Us" on NBC.

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At this point, it almost seems like a given that Sterling K. Brown is going to have a pretty busy release schedule. The actor has been working at a reliable pace in theater, television and film since the early 2000s, but ever since he made his big splash with his award-winning performance in Ryan Murphy's "The People v. O.J. Simpson" and with the massive success of the NBC ratings juggernaut and critical darling "This Is Us," life has changed in a much more noticeable way for the actor.

"This Is Us" will be returning tonight with an extended premiere event. But this fall, fans will be able to see Brown in a myriad of different high-profile projects including a role in the highly anticipated "Frozen 2"; alongside Blake Lively and Jude Law in "The Rhythm Section"; as a cast member in the Amazon Prime hit "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel"; and starring in the film "Waves," which received a great reception at the Toronto Film Festival. I caught up with Brown over the phone on his way back from the festival about returning to his role of Randall Pearson on the fourth season of "This Is Us" and the genius of the show's creator, Dan Fogelman.

"I think with every project you pick, you're hopeful," says Brown of the early days of the show. "I read this script and it was, bar none, the best network television pilot I had ever read. I knew Fogelman from 'Crazy Stupid Love.' I was like, 'Alright, this guy wrote one of my favorite romantic comedies, he's now written one of my favorite pilots. I think I'm in good hands.' I knew that it was a great pilot. I didn't know what the show was going to be, necessarily. But Dan did."

Brown and the rest of the cast were totally unaware of the life the show would take on as the first season went on. "It's not until you get two or three episodes in until you know that you have a good series. But, people were sticking with us and loving the show more and more," he says. "You shoot the first six or seven episodes before anybody ever sees anything. You're in a bit of a vacuum. Then you release it out into the world and you see how your work is affecting people. It was profound for us as performers to know that our work was touching people the way that it has been over the past few years."

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The show has done something truly unique as it has become one of the most reliable emotional haymakers on network television. I ask Brown, with a laugh, if he is constantly approached by fans of the show who immediately burst into tears.

"You laugh as you say it, because I think a part of you already knows what the answer is. The answer is yes!" He laughs. "I want to say that I'm used to it, but I'm not, because I'm surprised every time it happens. But it happens a lot. It runs the gamut. People tell me, 'You made me want to call my brother,' 'You made me forgive my mother,' 'You made me want to adopt a baby.' … I'm like, 'Holy cow, take it easy!' I wasn't trying to do all of those things, necessarily. But, things that were buried under the surface of their subconscious got a chance to come to the forefront by virtue of watching the show. I think Dan and our writers have this masterful way of cracking people's souls open and giving them permission to feel everything that they want to but that they don't give themselves permission to do on a day-to-day basis. Because life is hard, and sometimes we put up these walls so we can make it through the day."

But while "This Is Us" is one of the most anticipated shows on television, Brown is also attaching his name to one of the most binge-worthy streaming shows, Amy and Dan Sherman-Palladino's razor-witted "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel."

"Being from the theater, out of television shows that's the closest I've come to being onstage," Brown says of stepping into the fantastical world of this unique show. "Amy and Dan write these 85-, 90-page scripts that they still try to film in 60 minutes. There's pace, people are speaking at the speed of light, or at least the speed of sound. Sometimes you think you're going fast and then they'll say, 'Oh you can pace things up a little bit.' It's like, oh okay… It's awesome. It really was exhilarating. So much fun to get a chance to exercise another muscle. I got the chance to play a lot with Rachel and Alex and they're two wonderful thespians. The vibe was as familial as our vibe is on 'This Is Us.' So it was nice going from one family set to another."

In between all of these projects, Brown has become involved in the web series "Survivorship Today: What It's Like to Live With Cancer" in order to provide those living with cancer resources and testimonials from others like them.

"My uncle Sonny, my mom's younger brother, passed away in 2004 from cancer," says Brown. "He got diagnosed and about six months to the day, he expired. It was a devastating blow to our family to see how quickly it can work and lead to your demise. But, the good news is that cancer does not have to be a death sentence. People are in fact living longer with cancer today than they were in the past."

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Taurus Look at the possibilities, but don't count on anything until you have verified the facts. Acting on impulse will lead to backtracking.

Gemini Take care of your needs. Update your look, plan a social evening with friends or coworkers and show interest in what others are doing.

Cancer Finish what you start. You'll face criticism if you speak out of turn. Offer only information you have verified and make only promises you know you can keep.

Leo Enjoying a getaway or spending time with a loved one should be a priority. Don't give in to someone putting pressure on you.

Virgo Challenge yourself to learn, try harder and make a difference. How you deal with past problems will determine your success.

Libra Consider what you want to do and make changes that will allow you to head in that direction. Refuse to let negativity or demanding people come between you and success.

Scorpio Show interest in others and be friendly, but don't be too forgiving or revealing. Refuse to let an emotional incident lead to a premature decision.

Sagittarius Play to win. Handle matters and concerns aggressively. Refuse to let anyone take charge or meddle in your affairs. Be diplomatic, but don't underestimate a rival.

Capricorn If you don't make up your mind, someone will do it for you. If you are confused, ask questions, and if you want closure, confront whatever situation you face.

Aquarius Pay closer attention to your personal finances and legal matters. An opportunity to get ahead will depend on you having your documentation in order.

Pisces Keep life simple and channel your energy into something constructive. Excessive behavior will be your downfall. EUGENIA LAST

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Morgan's Pier Fall Fest kicks off this week. ALL PHOTOS PROVIDED

With the fall season now in full force, there are plenty of fun activities to get excited about — and this month Morgan's Pier will truly be throwing down, autumn-style. Aside from debuting a new seasonal menu and cocktail selection, the popular hot spot will also be hosting parties, activities and events that will make you feel all of the warm fuzzies while the weather begins to cool down.

Starting Sept. 25, Morgan's Pier will be featuring weekly events celebrating all things fall and fun. Head to the waterfront destination on Saturdays and Sundays to partake in pumpkin carving (pumpkins and kits provided); on Thursdays (8 p.m.-midnight) sing your heart out during karaoke; on Wednesdays (8-11 p.m.) test your quizzo knowledge; and also on the weekends enjoy live DJ music all day and night long. To wind down from all of the colorful events, head to Morgan's Pier on Sundays to enjoy live acoustic performances during the afternoon.

Aside from the weekly events, Morgan's Pier will also be hosting a few parties and extravaganzas to keep the fall fever going.

Morgan's Pier Oktoberfest (2-6 p.m.) kicks off Saturday, Oct. 5, and for four hours guests will have access to an open beer bar, free soft pretzels (while supplies last), live music and food specials. The first 200 guests will also receive a limited-edition Morgan's Pier beer stein. Guests who stick around after the official Oktoberfest celebration ends can also enjoy DJ Pfef spinning late into the night.

The next day, Oct. 6, head back to the Pier

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Morgan's Pier has new fall operating hours this year.

with your furry friends for their popular Yappy Hour (2 p.m.). Wine and dine with your pup while sipping on Tito's Handmade Vodka cocktails and indulge in other enticing specials all for a good cause. Tito's and Morgan's Pier partnered up to host this special event in support of the Pennsylvania SPCA. A portion of proceeds from Yappy Hour specials will also be donated.

Things are getting artsy at the popular Penns Landing spot on Saturday, Oct. 19 (2 p.m.), when Master Artist Lisa Berger stops in: Berger will be leading a class centered around seasonal decor and all Philadelphians are invited out to get their fall arts and crafts fix in.

The month-long celebration concludes on Saturday, Oct. 26, with Morgan's Pier Halloween bash (9 p.m.-2 a.m.). The annual extravaganza will be hosted by Brittany Lynn, "The Don" of Philly's Drag Mafia, this year and will feature an all-night open bar, costume contest, free ho dogs and plenty of festive decor.

Morgan's Pier will be open with new fall hours this year: Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 4 p.m. to close, and Saturdays and Sundays 11 a.m. to close.

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Sharps are always on the lookout for value when it comes to in-season Futures odds, so today we'll highlight a few teams that are worth jumping on right now.

Good teams that are fresh off a Week 3 loss are worth taking fliers on to win the Super Bowl, as most everyone is down on the Titans, Eagles and Seahawks right now.

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Excuses are like armpits — everyone has them and they all stink — but the Eagles were without their top two receivers on Sunday, and most of the mistakes they made in the loss to the Lions are correctable. There is also the lingering feeling that GM Howie Roseman will make a trade before the NFL deadline in late October, which should send the Eagles' Super Bowl odds back into the +1400 range.

As for the Titans' disaster of an outing last Thursday against Jacksonville, we'll chalk that up to a fluke. The meteor known as Gardner Minshew is currently in the Jeremy Lin zone and looks destined for a string of highly productive games. The Titans were simply caught in a bad spot — on the road, on a short week, and with Minshew-mania in its infancy. The Tennessee defense still hasn't given up more than 20 points in a game and opponents are averaging just 17.3 points per game against them. Also, their offense will eventually at least be respectable, even if it means turning to backup QB Ryan Tannehill.

Finally, we get to the Seahawks, who lost by five points at home to the Saints on Sunday. Seattle is traditionally a streaky squad, and we only have to look back to last year to see that they can string together wins late in the season. After a 4-5 start in 2018, Russell Wilson and company ripped off victories in six of their last seven games.

The play: $5 on Eagles, $5 on Titans, $5 on Seahawks to win Super Bowl

TWEET OF THE DAY

Buck Swope
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Fave Gardner Minshew joke from last night:

"When Gardner Minshew left for college, he told his dad, 'You're the man of the house now.'"

Best Bets

College FB betting: Ohio State at Nebraska

The Ohio State Buckeyes (4-0) have been toying with their opponents this season, winning by at least 24 points each time. A 76-5 victory against Miami (OH) was just the latest in a series of early-season laughers for the Big 10 title game-bound Buckeyes. Meanwhile, Nebraska (3-1) struggled mightily in Champaign, IL last Saturday, barely managing to come away with a 42-38 victory over the Illini in a game in which they were favored by 13 points.

Sensational signal caller Justin Fields leads the way on offense for Ohio State. He accounted for six TDs last week, giving him 19 for the year. Fields is completing 69.5 percent of his passes this season for 9.3 yards per attempt with a 13-0 TD-INT ratio. Junior running back J.K. Dobbins has added diversity to the offensive attack, rushing for seven yards per attempt on 68 carries, five of which went for TDs.

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Cornhuskers quarterback Adrian Martinez has filled out the stat sheet in his sophomore year (61.5 percent completion rate, 9.7 yards per attempt, 7-2 TD-INT ratio), but his team is second in the nation in turnovers through four games (11), which includes last Saturday's four-fumble debacle.

The play: Ohio State -18

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BLAMING CARSON WENTZ FOR WEEK 3 LOSS? YOU'RE NUTS

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Carson Wentz's receivers let him down, writes Metro Philadelphia columnist Glen Macnow. GETTY IMAGES

Let's be clear. The Eagles didn't lose Sunday because of Carson Wentz. The starting QB — especially in our town — always takes the heat when his team disappoints. That goes with the gig.

But while Wentz was far from perfect, he does not deserve to be listed among the guilty in that humiliating 27-24 loss to the Lions. Hell, he wouldn't even make the first busload of culprits.

The Eagles lost Sunday despite Wentz, not because of him.

They lost because his receivers dropped seven passes, two of which should have been touchdowns. They lost because his butter-fingered teammates fumbled three times. They lost because the Birds got flagged for three offensive pass interference penalties. Whoever saw that before?

Wentz did the best he could with a ragtag crew of backups and rookies. He dodged tacklers and scrambled to find time when a porous offensive line — always thought to be the strength of this team — allowed rushers to descend on him before you could count "two-Mississippi."

In the end, the fourth-year QB finished 19-for-36 for 259 yards, two TD passes, and no interceptions. Grant him just three of those drops and Wentz would have had around 350 yards and four TDs.

But that didn't stop the instant critics from putting their grubby thumbs to iPhones with scathing social media reviews of how Wentz deserves the nickname "Three-Quarter Carson," because of his inability to win games late.

Some of these gridiron authorities were fans venting in anger. That's okay. Fans have a Constitutional right to be fickle. Today's toast of the town is tomorrow's burnt crust.

But other over-the-top faultfinders are so-called journalists or broadcasters who ought to know better. Too many in our town have been watching Skip Bayless for hot take inspiration.

Consider this: If rookie JJ Arcega-Whiteside didn't let a last-gasp Wentz bomb clank off his hands at the three-yard line, everyone leaves Lincoln Financial Field elated yesterday.

Likewise, if tight end Dallas Goedert doesn't whiff on an easy TD catch in the second quarter, the story likely ends differently. Both Arcega-Whiteside and Goedert are young players in whom GM Howie Roseman invested substantial draft capital. Both let the franchise down.

A more infuriating offender is veteran Nelson Agholor who, just last week, muffed a surefire game-winning TD pass against Atlanta. Don't be fooled by Agholor's glossy stat line from Sunday (eight catches, two for TDs), the fifth-year veteran had another costly drop as well as a lost fumble.

After that fumble, Agholor was seen arguing on the sidelines with veteran tackle Jason Peters, who is known to be blunt with teammates when assessing their miscues.

I could go on pointing fingers for this shocker of a loss. Let's not leave out a stalled pass rush (two sacks in three games), any un-special teams that allowed the NFL's first kick return touchdown of the season, and the invisible Fletcher Cox — who had two fewer tackles than Wentz Sunday. You could look it up.

The Eagles blew a game they should have won for myriad reasons, the least of which is their franchise quarterback. Still, he'll take most of the heat because that's how it works here — from Jaworski to Cunningham to McNabb. For all I know, Norm Van Brocklin was labeled a bum until he won that 1960 championship.

Wentz's biggest sin remains that he's not Nick Foles. He didn't lead the Eagles to that Super Bowl title. The shoddy criticism will continue until he does.

My hunch is that Wentz can handle it. I'm just not sure that I can.

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Phillies' playoff hopes all but crushed

The end is near for the 2019 Phillies.

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Time is running out for the Philadelphia Phillies.

Their playoff hopes are all but finished following a weekend series loss to the Cleveland Indians.

A 10-1 beatdown on Sunday was the Phillies' fifth loss in eight games, dropping their record to 79-75 entering Monday night's tilt with the Washington Nationals.

The same Nationals that were tied with the Milwaukee Brewers for the top National League Wild Card spot on Monday morning.

The same Nationals that sat six games ahead of the Phillies with eight games remaining.

Heading into the series opener against the Nationals, their elimination number was down to just two — meaning any combination of a Brewers win and a Phillies loss to Washington over the next few days would do the trick.

The Brewers, who are 15-2 in their last 17 games, face the 73-83 Cincinnati Reds fresh off a series loss to the New York Mets.

It's not looking good.

Even if the Phillies can take three of five games this week against the Nationals, it will also help out the Mets' chances of snagging the final Wild Card spot.

The Mets sat a game and a half in front of the Phillies entering Monday night, thanks to a 9-4 stretch in their last 13 games.

Their final stretch of schedule is all at Citi Field, which is a good omen for a team that is significantly better at home.

They have four games against the NL-worst Miami Marlins before a three-game set against the NL East-champion Atlanta Braves, who don't have much else to play for during the final week of the season.

Bryce Harper and the Phillies are down to their last licks in 2019. GETTY IMAGES

Behind the 100-win Los Angeles Dodgers, the Braves will have to play the NL Central champion in the NLDS, whether that's the St. Louis Cardinals or Brewers.

Whether Brian Snitker treats that final series as an opportunity to tune up or rest remains to be seen, but the Mets' minuscule playoff chances are still better than the Phillies'.

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Notice of Name Change

Court of Common Pleas for the County of Philadelphia, August Term, 2019, No. 04691.

Notice is hereby given that on the 29th day of August, 2019, the Petition for Change of Name, filed by Petitioner, Herman Bernard Fedrick, was filed in the above-named Court, praying for a decree to change his name to Xavier Bernard Fedrick. The Court has fixed October 18, 2019 at 10:30AM, in the Courtroom No. 691, City Hall, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the time and place for the hearing of said Petition, when and where all persons interested may appear and show cause, if any they have why the prayer of the said Petition should not be granted.

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All persons interested may appear and show cause if any they have, why the prayer of the said petition should not be granted.

Court of Common Pleas for the County of Philadelphia, September Term, 2019, No. 509.

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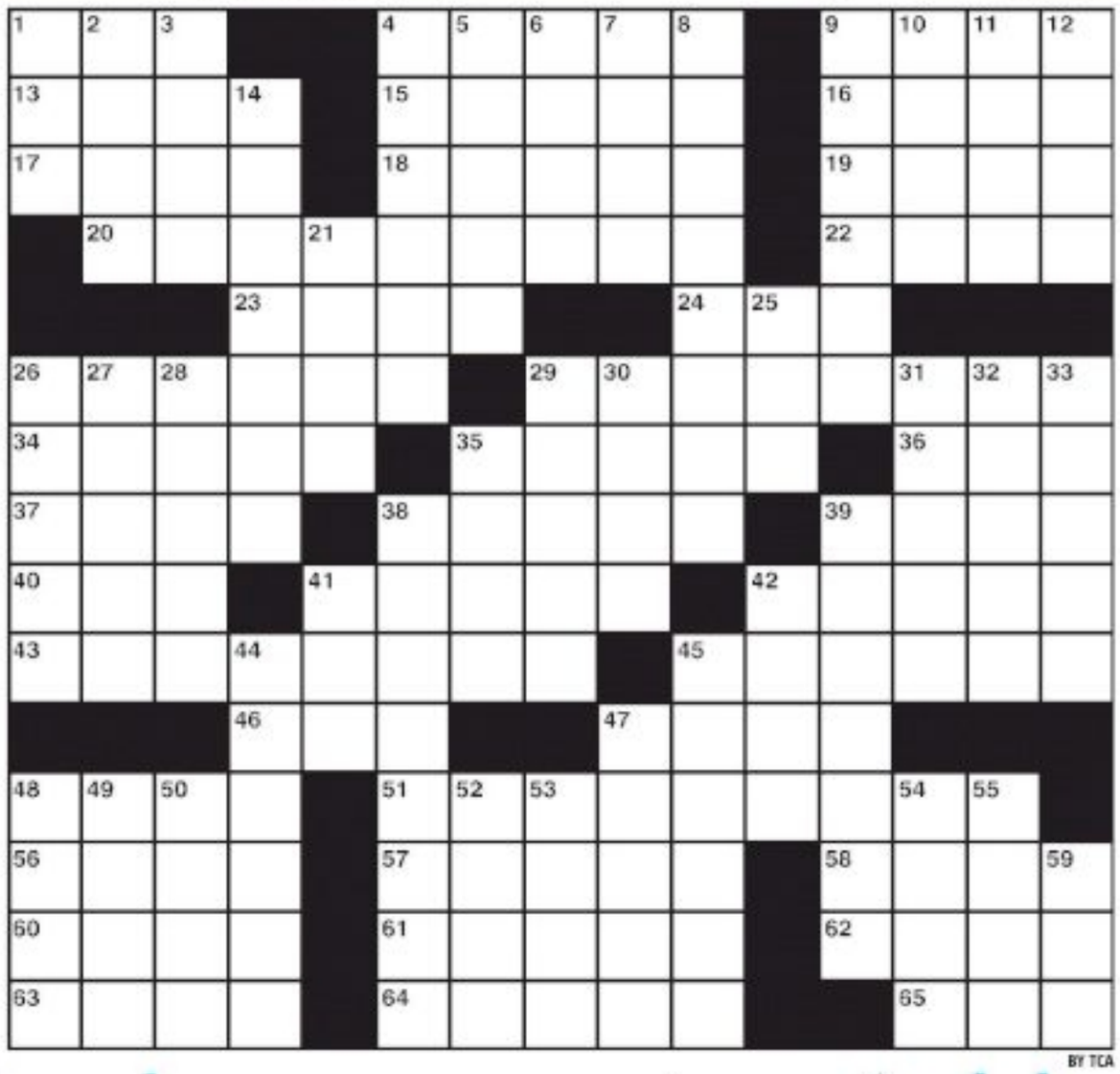

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18 Actor Tom __
19 Title for old Russian rulers
20 Answers
22 Islets off Florida
23 Mineo's namesakes
24 Definite article
26 Obstruct; block
29 Brief
34 Gets closer to
35 Jetties
36 Edison's monogram
37 Fires
38 Tiny skin openings
39 Picnic spoiler
40 Connecting word
41 Luster
42 Bisect
43 Strong; valiant
45 Russia's dollars
46 First encycl. volume, perhaps
47 Part of speech
48 Thrilled
51 Reason to enter rehab
56 Item on a bread tray
57 Rib
58 Neckwear items
60 Qualified
61 Lisa Marie's dad
62 Strike with an open palm
63 Lads
64 Counts calories
65 Pigpen

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1 Major TV network
2 Lion's sound
3 Days of __; olden times
4 Many a Louisianan
5 Grassy expanses
6 Lofty poems
7 Flooring piece
8 Gun holders
9 Go on strike
10 Flow out slowly
11 Convince
12 All __; listening
14 Mouths, slangily
21 Cushions
25 "__ Got the Whole World in His Hands"
26 Peruvian Indians
27 Intended
28 Mammal native to China
29 Grade after kindergarten
30 Spike & Brandon
31 Know-__; wiseacre
32 Unsuspecting
33 Trait transmitters
35 Penniless
38 Appeased; soothed
39 Flopsy, Mopsy & Cotton-tail
41 Clinton's successor, for short
42 Harm
44 Soup servers' needs
45 Court trial break
47 Drop in on
48 Snatch
49 Gray wolf
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55 __ as a pin
59 007, for one

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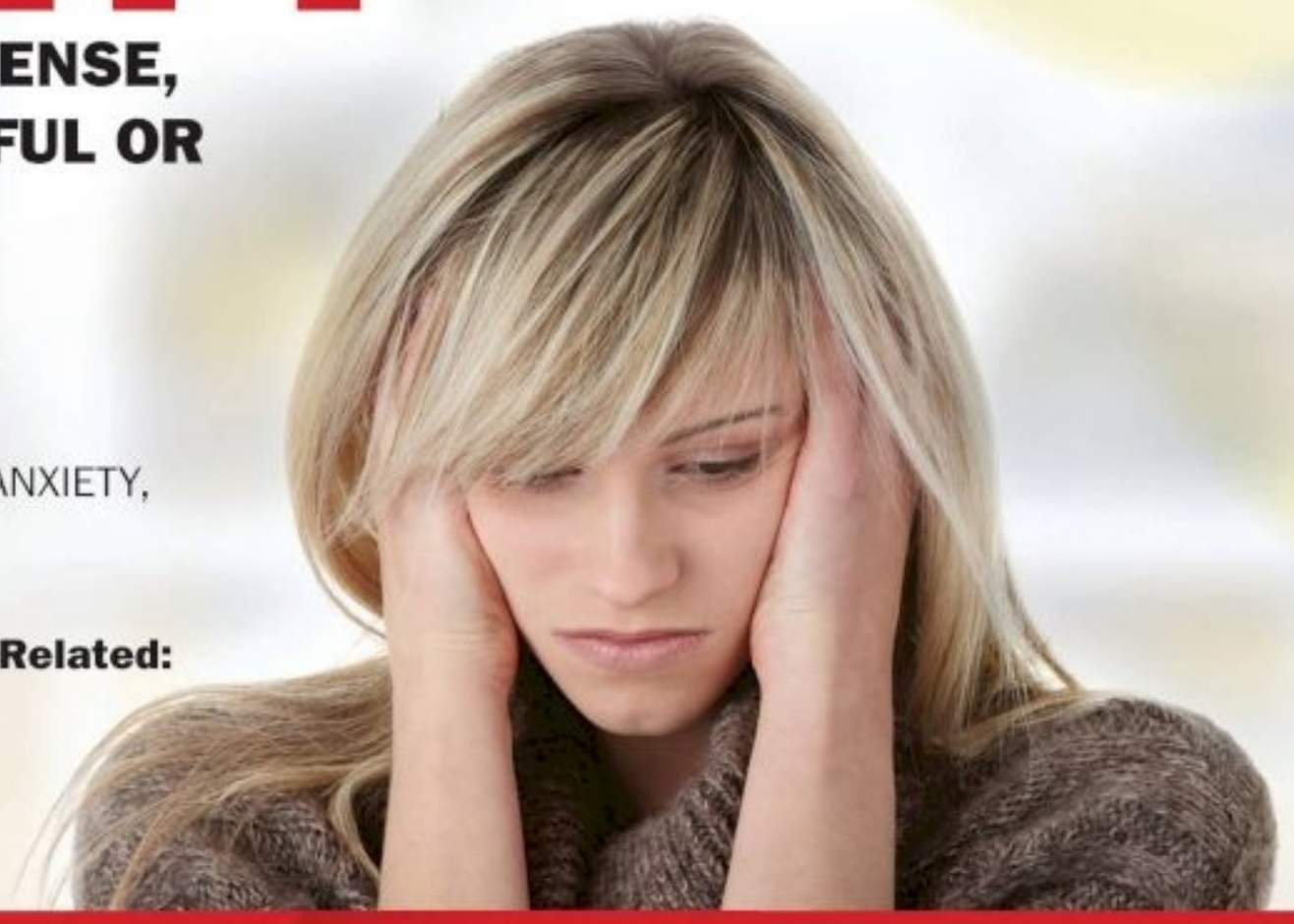

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